

# City of La Verkin

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## La Verkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah**

**Present:** Mayor Kerry Gubler; Council-Members: Chantelle Browning, Richard Hirschi, Brandon Stephenson, Ken Hooten, Randy Reeve; Staff: Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Troylinn Benson, Kevin Bennett, and Christy Ballard; Public: John and Rose Valenti, and Ray Justice.

**A. Called to Order** – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Randy Reeve at 6:00pm.

**B. Appointments:**

Mayor Gubler reported Benjamin Lee was the applicant picked by the hiring committee and also the Mayor to be the new Chief of Police for the City of La Verkin. If approved by the City Council he will be starting in two or three weeks and Lloyd Watkins will be an officer.

**Motion was made by Councilman Ken Hooten to accept the recommendation and approve Benjamin Lee as the new Police Chief for La Verkin, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Consent Agenda:** (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Mayor or City Council.)

1. Declarations of conflict of interest
2. Agenda
3. March 5, 2014 regular meeting minutes
4. Review Invoices and Checks: \$122,131.37

Councilman Randy Reeve had a few questions about the Invoices and Checks; Kyle Gubler on page three, LeBaron Stucco on page 4, Napa Auto Parts on that same page, and Purchase Power on page 6.

Kyle's is his mileage reimbursement. LeBaron Stucco is for a motor for the 1-ton truck. This check will be voided and rewritten to Ed LeBaron. Napa Auto Parts are for different supplies for the vehicles. Derek's crew has been working on all of their vehicles. In the future Troylinn will put the description of what each charge is for on the first line so that information will be on this report. Purchase Power is the stamp machine.

**Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda as written including the March 5, 2014 regular meeting minutes and checks and invoices in the amount of \$122,131.37, second by Councilwoman Chantelle Browning. Roll Call Vote: Reeve-yes, Hooten-yes, Stephenson-yes, Hirschi-yes, Browning-yes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. Committee Reports:**

1. Planning Commission – The Planning Commission met and had a presentation and discussion from Interstate Rock Products in regard to Phase One of their proposed development. They requested a zone change to one section from the current R-1-A to R-1-8. There will be a public hearing during the next Planning Commission meeting for this proposed change. The Planning Commission is doing a very good job.
2. Water Board – The Water Board has not met.
3. Fire District–Chief Kuhlmann was not present. Councilman Hooten said there was nothing to report.
4. Sewer Board–Blair was not present. Councilman Hirschi reported the Sewer Board meets next week.

**E. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:**

No comments were made.

**F. Business:**

There were no items of business.

**G. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:**

*City Administrator- Kyle Gubler*

Kyle passed out his handout. Claudia Pierce has agreed to Chair the July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee.

Miss La Verkin pageant will be March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the gym of this building.

Fourth Grade Foresters tree planting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> and the fifth graders will be white washing the "L" on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Councilmembers are invited to both of those events.

Kyle attended a UDOT meeting where they discussed their upcoming projects. Kyle did get La Verkin put on the agenda to discuss the drainage issue we have along State Street, hopefully when they start the project on that road this issue can be resolved at the same time.

In his report is a Capital Improvements List, the top two items will soon be taken care of.

The timetable on the budget process was also included in his report.

Kyle was not able to attend the ZC3 meeting so he asked Ray Justice to report.

Ray reported the committee would like help from the surrounding areas to advertise a presentation called the Healthy Virgin River Corridor Presentation on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to be held at the Springdale Community Center. The time is not yet known. This presentation will be very important to property owners along the Virgin River. There will be a discussion on ways to keep the River healthy.

In the past the committee received a grant for the Zion Scenic by Way Interpretive Plan. The committee was notified that there is still \$19,000 remaining on that grant so they will be quickly putting a proposal together to use that money. The Interpretive Plan has areas designated to be pull off stations for people to be able to stop and learn about different things along the corridor. There will be a Utah Planners Association Meeting and Conference in Springdale and on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> city planners are invited to attend.

The Utah Gateway Community Forum website will be up and running shortly.

*Public Safety- Chief Lloyd Watkins*

Chief was not present to report.

*Director of Operations- Derek Imlay*

The 2014 Road Maintenance Project will finish with the emulsion on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April, weather permitting.

Irrigation is back in the system.

The Silver Acres Project started a week and a half ago.

The nuisance in Spanish Gardens reported by Mr. Shupe a couple of meetings ago has been resolved.

John and Doug are both still out on medical leave.

Derek's crew did put the irrigation water in a few weeks early to get all of the breaks fixed.

There were more breaks than usual, however, they are all fixed as of Saturday and the water is completely in the system. The Irrigation is contracted to be on from March 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Derek explained where the breaks were located and what was done to fix them. He also went over how the filter station works for the new councilmembers.

*Treasurer- Troylinn Benson*

There were 158 notices this month, 99 door hangers, and 8 shut offs. Two of those are still off but belong to an empty building.

The Utah Retirement System is doing their audit. She will report the findings for La Verkin when she gets them.

*Mayor Gubler*-Staff is in the process of coming up with an agreement to use Litchfield's ball fields and parking lot. That will give the City access to another ball field to help expand the City Sports. He has also asked Kyle Gubler to find money in the budget to allow Kyle Lovelady to work full time with Derek and hire a seasonal part time sports director.

*Browning*- The Mosquito Abatement meeting discussed their plans for the year and some of their needs. They also reported the adult mosquitoes have developed a resistance to the pesticide being used so they will be changing to a more expensive pesticide for a couple of years to break that resistance and then go back to the less expensive one. They will also be trapping in different areas. The Director has accepted a job in California so there will be the acting director until October/November and he is willing to go to the different cities in Washington County and answer/discuss any questions the community may have. Youth City Council has two spots opening. If anyone knows of a youth between the ages of 14 and 17 applications will be accepted until the end of the month and are available at the City offices.

*Hirschi*- Reported on the attempted bridge jumper Sunday. The gentleman was from Washington, the other person at his address called dispatch who notified Officer Romney. Officer Romney arrived before the person was able to climb over the fence. Officer Romney was threatened but he was able to taser the individual, arrest him and take him to the hospital. The officers in La Verkin City are doing a great job.

*Stephenson*-Nothing to report.

*Hooten*- Thanked the police officers for all they do.

Confluence Park meeting was today, they discussed the Access Points grant. Most of the money from that grant will go to the Hurricane side of Confluence. They will be putting in a trail head with restrooms and a kiosk similar to what we have in La Verkin.

The Hurricane Waterline Protection project is just finishing up.

For information/reservations on camping etc you can go to the Redcliffs Desert Reserve website follow the link to Confluence Park. All of the forms are there along with the restrictions and rules.

They also restocked 3,100 Woundfin Minnow in Confluence Park this past week.

*Reeve*-Nothing to report.

**L. Adjourn:**

**Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Stephenson to adjourn, second by Councilman Ken Hooten. Motion carried unanimously at 6:37pm.**

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

April 2, 2014  
Date Approved

ATTEST:

Kyle Gubler  
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City Recorder

Kerry Gubler  
Mayor, Kerry Gubler

